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### The Fall of Antichzist.

And the Commencement of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ:

WITH

Pertinent Observations, both Theological and Chronological.

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## The Proem.

OLD Simeon, is dead and gone,

Yet some do him succeed,

Who wait, as he, their Lord to see,

And think he'll come with speed,

To fuch I speak, and would not break.
The hearts of God's Elect:
If Jesus stay, a longer day.
Than you did once expect.

You have no Cause, to make a Pause, He never chang'd his mind:
And at his day, he'll come away,
His Enemies to grind.

When Lovers strong, for Objects long, They fix a Time too soon; And make a noise, of Midnight Joys, At Six i'th'afternoon.

Adam of old, as we are told, Had promise of this thing; That Christ should tread, the Serpent's head, And rule as mighty King.

If Abraham, that Faithful man,
Did fee it and was glad;
Why should the Eye, that draws so nigh,
Look downward and be sad?

If History, tell me no lie,
My Story is believ'd:
But if the Whore, should fall before,
No good man will be griev'd.

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HE Pope's a Beast, for he did waste, God's Vineyard fair and green:

By pushing men, that would not sin,

As is by Records seen.

This Beast arose, as I suppose, Four hundred seventy; To which add sive, but did not thrive, Till Boniface did cry.

That glist'ring Star, that shone so far, From light to darkness fell:
His cursed Fees, and black Decrees,
Had their Ascent from Hell.

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1. The Beat mentioned Revel. 11. 7. fignifies the Pope, who hath flain Christ's Witnesses in their successive Generations, both with a Bodily, and also with a Civil Death, by putting them out of Office, and taking away all Civil Power from them.

2. Augustulus the last of the Roman Emperors, ended his Reign An. Ch. 475. and then the Pope, the eighth King, (viz. in whom is the eighth form of Sovereign Government, in the Roman State) immediately succeeded according to the account of Divine Prophecy, Revel. 17. 10, 21. And there

we are to date his Beginning, viz. at 475.

3. The Church of Rome and her Ministers were once famous for Faith and Piety, viz. in the Apostles days, and a little after, Rom, 1.8. But when her Bishops fell from Heavenly Doctrine, Discipline and Conversation, to earthly, then that Prophecy was fulfilled, Rev. 9. 1. That Star was the Bishop of Rome, his Apostacy was ominently Discover'd by Bonisace, the third Pope of that Name, who obtain'd of Phocas the wicked Emperor, for him and his Successors after him, that the See of Rome, above all other Churches, should have the pre-eminence; and that the Bishop of Rome should be the Universal Head of all Churches; this was An. Ch. 606.

4. He changed Times, and called Crimes, Things that had lawful been: He gave nick-names, to men of fame, And call'd their Vertues Sin.

5 He swell'd with Pride, and did deride, The Worship of the Just: He gave new Rites, and quenched Lights,

According to his Lust.

He bruis'd the Saints, till they were faint, And gave them Gall to Drink: He made them run, his wrath to shun, But could not make them sink.

7 'Tis also said, Kings were afraid,

Of his inhumane Curfe:

He nip'd their Crowns, & gave them wounds, That he might bear the Purse.

He trod upon, God's own dear Son,

And took away the Cup:

And now instead, of Christ the Head, He sets his Mother up.

For all these things, the King of Kings,

Will bring him to the Bar:

This Beast must slide, from all his Pride,
Though it is stretched far. 10He

Litanies, Expiations by Masses, Invocation of Saints; He forbad the use of certain Meats, and also Priest's Marriage, enjoying them to live a single Life, till upon a time 6000 heads of Infants being taken out of a Fish-pond, he recanted, considering that it was better to marry than to burn; He died Ar. Ch. 604.

His days are limited:
But God's own Sword, will give him Blood,
For Blood which he has shed.

Twelve hundred fixty days;
Day for a Year, as doth appear,
By Scripture many ways.

Gray hairs on him appear:
And I prefage, he'll leave the Stage,
In Two and thirty Year.

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The Priest's Vestures and Ornaments, were brought in by Pope Zuchary, about the year 741.

Pope Adrian confirmed the Order of Mass, which is now used in the

Popish Churches, about the year of Christ 780.

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vers places of Scripture, viz. Numb. 14. 33, 34. Ezek. 4.4, 5, 6. And so the 1260 Days in Revel. 11.3. are not Natural Days, but Prophetical Days, a Day for a year; otherwise they can't measure out the time of the the Churches Sufferings.

12. If these Numbers be given in Divine Prophecy, to measure the Saints Sufferings by, then we ought with all diligence to enquire into the time of the Day; for the Rod of the Wicked shall not always rest upon the Lot of the Righteens; there will be a day of Refreshing from the Presence of the Lord; and a time of Restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the Mouth of all his Holy Prophets since the World began, Asts 3. 19, 21. And the nearer the Church approaches to this time, the clearer shall her Knowledge be in these Mysteries; for a little before this great change, many shall run to and fro, and Knowledge, viz. of these things, shall be increased, Dan. 12.4. Now, supposing Antichrists or the Popes Dominion began An.Ch. 475. (as was said before) his time being 1260 years, must expire in the year of our Lord 1735, thirty two years hence. The 1260 Days or Years are represented two ways, in Revel.

Prefix'd a time that's gone;
This hardens those, that do oppose,
The Kingdom of the Stone.

And so they count too fast:
For still they pray, Lord, come away,

And lay the Spoilers waste.

She counts her Lust no fin: She gave the Kings, inchanted Rings, And wip'd her Mouth again.

Great Thinking in them rife; Lest this fine Miss, with her sweet kiss, Should kiss out both their eyes.

And make them grind, her house to find,
With Dainties as before;
She Circumcis'd, the best advis'd,
And made their Pockets poor.

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Revel. 11. 2,3. First by 42 Months, then by 1260 Days; Now allowing thirty days for each Month, it appears the Numbers are the same; for 42 Multiply'd by 30 makes 1260: Now the 42 Months are attributed to the Gentiles, that is Pagan-Christians, or Popish-Christians, to shew that their works are works of Darkness; for Months were measured by the Moon, the Ruler of the Night: But when this same time is attributed to Christ's Witnesses, or faithful Ministers, 'tis then given in a Number of Days, intimating that their works are works of Light, and that they are guided by the Sun of Righteousness; the Sun being the Ruler of the Day.

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But whether as a Whore:
Or other grudge, I will not judge,
To that I say no more.

She was a costly Dame:
Some spent the Day, with her in Play,
But smarted for the same.

She was a golden Whore:
Her Winding-roll, and Funeral,
Will cost the Nations more.

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They raised her on high:
And now by Pounds, in solemn Rounds,
They must her force defy.

The best of all the Web:
To give the Wound, and cast her down,
To her eternal Ebb. 23What

Crime by him committed, presently by threats and perswasions he was made to believe, that he could not be sav'd, unless he did confer on the Church a good part of his Estate; Or esse bidding farewel to all earthly things, devolving them upon the Clergy, should betake himself to a private Monkish Life, which done, he should thereby not only be freed from Hell, but also obtain a sure hope of Life Eternal; so Rome grew rich at first. From the time that the Pope took the Throne as the 8th King, which was in 475, to the time of his coming to his manly stature and strength, there were 666 years, (for that is his number, Rev. 13.18.) which were accomplished An. Ch. 1141. in the days of Pope Innecent the Second.

To that I can't arrive But I conceive, we shall atchieve,

No great till Thirty five.

To ten times seven more:

To which add five, then Saints arrive, At blifs, as ne're before.

Up in a goodly Hue:
Some shall be chang'd, and all are rang'd,
In order truly new.

26 Now

<sup>23.</sup> It is very probable that the Rulers of the Nations may spend much time and strength this way, in the remaining part of Antichrist's Reign; But finding their Common forces deficient, and not able to overturn the Pope, and his Adherents, God shall put it into their Hearts to employ the best, and holiest of their subjects in this great and good work, who will be glad of fuch an opportunity, to fight the Lords Battel. For they shall then know that it will be their work to destroy Babylon: And that it will be so, appears, First, because those whom Antichrist did wear out, they shall consume his Dominion unto the end, Dan. 7. 25. 2. The Saints are commanded to reward Babylon, as she hath rewarded them, and that is very ill; for she hath been cruel to the Saints, Revel. 18. 6. 3. The command for the pouring out of the Vials of God's Wrath upon her, goes out of the Temple, i. e. the Church, Revel. 16.1. But the Saists shall do this in an honourable way, under the Conduct, and by the encouragement of Lawful Governours, who shall then give them a Commission, to fight against Babylon, and burn her with Fire, Revel. 17.16. Thus when the Witnesses arise to go out to war against the Beaft, they shall ride upon the Civil strength of those that were his Horns; to the end that they may kill him with his own Sword: And that time will be the time of the Witnesses Civil Resurrection, Revel, 11.11,12.

26 Now Jesus he, appears to be, His Churches King alone: And some that shall, come at his call, To him do make their moan.

They mount with wings, & preach those things, which ne're before were known:

And so they bring, to Sion's King,

The Sheep that are his own.

28 Now this is done, the field is won,
For Christ is Crowned King:
And Saints shall raise, their lofty Lays,
A Thousand Years to sing.

The Saints to hurt no more:
The Pope is dead, and cannot tread,
On them to make 'em fore.

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24. It appears by Dan. 12. 11, 12. that there is an addition made to the 1260 Days or Years of the Beasts Reigning; First, here is an addition of 30 Days, which makes the number 1290 Days in the 11th verse; then in the 12th verse, there are 45 more added, which together make 75. and this added to 1260, make the number 1335, at the end of which is Blefsedness in the first Resurrection, the Resurrection of the Saints; Forthen Daniel shall stand in his Lot (in the new Jerusalem-state, or thousand years Reign) as verse the 13th. Now, according to this Computation, this glorious Kingdom of our Lord Jesus, or Blessed Millenium, cannot begin till the year of our Lord 1810. For if you add 75 to 1735. (the expiration of Antichrist's Reign) it makes 1810. The Kingdom of our Lord Jesus being very glorious, it must have an honourable preparation, which in all likelihood will take up these 75 years, for the pouring out of the vials of God's wrath upon Babylon: And tho' Antichrift shall be yet in being, he can't be faid to Reign, during those 75 years, but will continue like an out-dated Tyrant and Ufurper, not yet executed; but under

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The Turk is gone, that stumbling Stone, That hinder'd Abram's Seed:

And facob he, doth live most free,
No stranger with him feed.

With Halelujahs high:

And cast their Crowns, upon the Ground,
When Jesus draws them nigh.

They run this City round:

Dividings cease, and nought but peace,

Can in the streets be found.

The Free-born men do dwell:

Here love remains, and none complains,

Nor beg in Israel.

der dreadful Plagues, increasing more and more upon him, 'till, his Final Destruction. It is very reasonable to think, that the Pope shall have a lingring Death, because he has been a great Malefactor, which yet will be but a short time compar'd with the time of his Reigning. But I conceive there will be no Persecution of the Saints after 1735. And I am in hopes that some of the intervenient time will be spent in unbuttoning the Witnesses Sackcloth Garments, that they may then fall off at once. Then the Beast will loose his Kingly Power, and the Kings in general that had given their Kingdoms to him will fight against him; And tho' it shall be a Day of great Temptation to the Inhabitants of the Earth, (fuch as never was before) yet the Philadelphian-Church shall be delivered from it, Rev. 3. 10, 11, 12. I also Judge that Daniel's 2300 days, or years fafter which the Sanctuary, or Worship of God shall be cleansed from all humane Pollutions) have their exit or end at 1810. Itis thought they began with the first of Cyrus, mentioned Ezra 1. 1. Dan. 8.14. Now as touching the Commencement of the Kingdom of Christ, at the end of the Fourth The Saints who live at ease: And wars do wholly cease.

The wicked they, the Saints obey,
Tho' they rebell'd before:
They are difmay'd, like men affraid,
And durft rebel no more.

The Saints are all, Angelical,
Like David they appear;
And sit like Kings, in shining Rings,
But others stand in fear.

And they together play:

All things agree, in harmony,
In this delightful Day.

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Fourth Monarchy, Dan. 2.44. I humbly conceive it may be after this manner, 1. The Vials of God's wrath being most of them poured out upon the Beast, and things being highly advanced towards the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; God shall put it into the minds of the Jews in Turkey, to feek their ancient Possessions in the Land of Canaan; the Turks being much weakned by the Sixth Vial, which is to be poured out upon them; and thereupon the scattered Forces of Antichrist shall join with the Turks, to fight against the Jews, and all the Saints who shall then stand up for them. Secondly, The Enemies of the Lord, and his people being gathered together with all their might, to try one Battle more, they thall by a Divine Providence be brought near Jerufalem, viz. into the Valley of Jehosaphat, Joel 3. 2. Thirdly, They being thus gathered together in order to Battel, in this place otherwise called Armageddon, Revel, 16. 14.16. the Lord Jesus himself with thousands of his Saints comes down from Heaven against them, and by Fire from Heaven, and other signal Judgments, destroys Multitudes in the Valley of Decision, feel 3.14. Rev.

38 No mourners cry, nor Infant dye, The Days of God's Elect, Are like a Tree, because that he, Their Nature doth protect.

39 Sickness or pain, cannot remain, In any Dweller there: The healing Tree, doth fet them free, From Sorrow, Grief, and Care.

40 And the most High, in purity, They ferve with joy of mind: They love his ways, and him to praise; They always matter find.

41 No stranger fix, with them to mix, The finner flee away: There is no Soul, that can controul, The worship of that Day.

16. 18. Fourthly, in the same moment all the Dead in Christ are raised, and the living Saints changed, and stated in Bodies of the First Resurrection, to live with Christ here in this visible World a thousand years, Revel. 20. 4, 6. Fifthly, Many of those that were gathered together, at this great Commotion, shall (Lot-like) escape the Armageddon slames, and be Converted in beholding these things; and they shall be sent to the Nations afar off, to preach these things to them; upon which multitudes both of Jews and Gentiles hall come over to the Lord Jesus, and in particular the Ten Tribes (who shall then be found) shall be born at once; the Gentiles being made instrumental to bring them to Christ: These Converted ones are the Nations that are faved, and walk in the Light of the New Jerusalem, Revel. 21. 24. This I gather from Haiah 66. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. For that is spoken of the manner of the beginning of the New Heavens and New Earth mentioned in the 65th Chapter and the 17th verter Sixthly, Now that the Saints or people of God shall have the Civil Power and Government of the World, appears plainly to those who

They Moses leave, and always cleave.

To Jesus constantly:
Jehovah true, and tzidkenu,
Is there the lasting cry.

can believe the Scriptures, by these following Arguments: First, This thing was promised to Christ and his Seed, Luke 1. 32. The Lord God shall give unto him the Throne of his Father David, and he shall Reign over the house of Jacob for ever. Now this can't be meant of a Spiritual Dominion in the hearts of God's People; for Jesus Christ have had such a Throne ever fince Adam, in every fanctified Soul; but this was promifed as a future thing. Secondly, The Holy Ghost in Daniel tells as of four Monarchies that should precede the Kingdom of the Saints. First, The Monarchy of the Babylonians, Caldeans, or Affyrians; and this was fignified by the Head of fine Gold, Dan. 2. 32, 38. Thou art this Head of Gold, faith Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon. Secondly, The Monarchy of the Medes and Persians, begun by Cyrus, represented by the Images Breast and Arms of Silver. Thirdly, The Grecian Monarchy, begun by Alexander the Great, signisi'd by the Images Belly and Thighs of Brass. This Monarchy was fet forth to Daniel, Dan. 8. 5. by an He-Goat, which had a notable Horn between his Eyes, that Horn was Alexander the Great. Fourthly, The Roman Monarchy begun, when Julius Casar got the Government of the Romans alone into his own Hand, about 47 years before the Birth of Christ; This Monarchy was represented by the Images Legs of Iron, his Feet part of Iron, and part of Clay; by the Iron we are to understand the Secular Power of Rome in its Anti-christian State; and by the Clay is signified the Ecclesiaftical Power, which is of a Carnal, Earthly Constitution, and so the Kingdom is partly strong and partly broken; that is, the Clay or Ecclesiaftical Power striving to undermine the Secular or Civil Power, thereby weakens it very much, in each of the Provinces, or Toes into which the Empire was divided, verse 41, 42. The Fourth Beaft, mentioned Dan. 7.7. was this Monarchy, which was divers from all the Beafts that were before it, that is to fay, it had at first a Different form of Government (viz. Democratical) from the other Empires; After that several forms of Government, represented by the seven Heads, Revel. 13. 1. And at last a hotch-potch made up of the Civil and Ecclesia-Rical, wherein the Ecclesiastical got the start of the other, witness the Pope's bringing Kings and Emperors to his feet; and this Beast had ten Horns, which were ten Kingdoms or Provinces, into which the Empire

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was divided, under Augustus Cefar (as History reports) These are the ten Horns upon the Bealt, Revel. 13. 1. Among thefe Horns there came up another little Horn, which had eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things, Dan. 7.8. This Horn was Antichrist, or the Pope; he is called another Horn, because he was distinct from the Ten, and of a Different Constitution; they being Civil, this an Ecclesiastical Power; he is called [little] because he rose from small beginnings; he is said to have Eyes like a man, because he took upon him to be the only guide, in matters of Doctrine and Worship; And his mouth spake great things, that is, he boasted much of his Power and Infallibility, and made Bloody Decrees. Now this fourth Beast, or Roman Monarchy was smitten upon his feet which were of Iron and Clay, and broken to pieces, Day. 2. 34. t was broken by a Stone that was cut out without hands, This Stone infinites the Sword and Power of the Saints, which is called a Stane, upon the account of their Relation to Christ, the Corner-stone; this Stone was cut out without hands, that is to fay, the Power and Policy of the Saints shall be deriv'd from God, without the help of Nations, as Nations, or the common strength of Kingdoms; and they shall be call'd forth to the exercise of it, by a special hand of Providence, tho' not in opposition to lawful Rulers, but by their encouragement and approbation. Laftly, this Stone became a great Mountain, and fill'd the whole earth, that is, the Power of the Saints, became the supream Power, and subdued all other Powers to it felf, v. 35. Thirdly, The Saints must have the Government of the World, because the Judgment or Council of Saints shall sit, Dan. .7. 26. and they shall take away the little Horn's Dominion; and the Kingdom and Dominion shall be given to the Saints of the most High; where we may observe, that the Saints shall then have such a Kingdom or Government, as the Beast had before, that is to say, a Civil one, by which they shall rule the world; and so the Kingdom which the Saints take, is such a Kingdom as the Beaft lofes, which was an outward Civil Kingdom. Fourthly, It doth appear that this Kingdom and this City shall be upon Earth, because when the Thousand years Reign is finished, Gog and Magog (that is, some that the Devil shall stir up to be enemies to the Church) shall go up on the breadth of the earth, and Compass the Camp of the Saints about, (tho' without success) which they could never do, if the Saints were not still upon Earth; for Gog and Magog can't go up to Heaven to hurt them there; besides 'tis said, fire came down from God out of Heaven, and devour'd [them] that is the Enemies of the Church, Revel. 20. 7, 8, 9. Fifthly, This Thousand years Reign is yet to come; for that which is promised, and not accomplished, must be future; Now this is promised

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promised, and prophesied of, Revel. 20. 4,5,6. This time can't be past ; for hither to for above a thousand years, the Saints have been sufferers under Antichrift, as History testifyeth; and the Saints suffering time can't be the Saints Reigning time, because these times are opposed to each other. Sixthly, It doth appear that the Lord Jefus shall then be personally present with his Saints; For the Tabernacle of God shall be with men, Revel 21.3. And they shall see his face, Revel 22.4. Now all this is true, and have been fo all along in a spiritual sense; therefore this must fignify his personal presence with them: A Seventhly, In this Kingdom, and in this Day, the Saints shall have Rulers, and Ordinances; they shall marry, and have Children, and their Children shall be taught of God; But all persons and things, shall Rule, and be Ruled, from Christ, and for Christ, and so he shall be one Lord; and his Name one, this I gather from the following Texts of Scripture, Ifai. 1. 26. Zac. 14. 16. Ifai. 65. 23. Jer. 31. 34. Zac. 14. 19. Some may object and fay, these things are dark and ought not to be medled with: I answer, the darker they are, the more need of opening; for they are a part of God's Counsel to his Church. Second Objection, Christ's Kingdom is not of this world. Answer, 'tis not [of] this world, in respect of Condition and Constitution, but it shall be [in] this world, in respect of place; and the place don't make Christ glorious, 'tis he that makes the place to, wherever he is. Third Objection, This Do-Etrine tends to promote Rebellion. Answer, that's false, A man may be erue to the King of Heaven, and yet no Rebel against his Lawful Prince; the belief of the truth can never make a man a Traytor; that which is in it felt good, can't corrupt those that hold it. Fourth Objection, our Antient Writers, and first Reformers did not teach this Doctrine, Answer, What then? we must Consider the time of the day they lived in; those that lived in the blackest Days of Popery, 'tis no wonder that they did not write of the Kingdom of Christ; for then the cry was, Who is like unto the Beaft? We may suppose Christ's Kingdom was not much talked of, when Antichnist's Kingdom had folong to stand; And as for our Reformers, tho' generations to come shall call them Blessed, yetwe can't suppose that they should know all things at once; besides God might hide this truth from them, because the time was a great way off; yet several before Luther hid believe that the Pope was Antichrist, and that he should fall, as the Church-History tells us: And tho' the first Reformers did leave some things imperfect with respect to Doctrine, and more with respect to Discipline, yet they were Physicians of greater value than to oblige their successors never to perfect the Cure; so this Objection falls to the ground: lesus

Jesus the King of Kings shall Crowned be, On David's Throne, the Elders shall him see; His Justice and his Judgment shall be known, No Saint complains, for he will save his own. With joyful looks the Saints shall view their King, Renewed Sights of Love shall make them sing; In peace & joy the Lambs shall praise his Name, Grace, Grace, they cry, in setting forth the same; His Highness is the subject of their Song, To him they look, and for his Day they long.

If any ask, Who did this Task?

Jay it was done by one,

Who wishes well, to Israel,

And Kingdom of the Stone.

Calculated for the Meridian of Sion, and chiefly for that Latitude, where the Pole of Truth is elevated three degrees above the Beltian Horizon; But may indifferently serve for any part of the Holy Land.

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